

## Message Text

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ACTION STR-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 STRE-00 FEA-01 AGRE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2270  
INFO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS  
USDEL MTN GENEVA  
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PASS STR FOR SMITH

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, UK  
SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT

REF: LONDON 4328

1. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SMALL ARTICLES IN THE  
BRITISH PRESS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS SUGGESTING IN A  
GENERAL WAY THAT THE U.S. HAS SOFTENED ITS VIEW ON MFA  
RENEWAL AND MOVED NOTICEABLY TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN POSI-  
TION. ONE OR TWO OF THESE ARTICLES ALSO SUGGEST THAT  
THE JAPANESE ARE ALSO SHIFTING GROUND IN THE SAME  
DIRECTION AS A RESULT OF THE EASING OF THE U.S. POSITION.  
THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF ARTICLE OCCURRED  
YESTERDAY (3/31) WHEN MR. ALLEN CLOUGH, RETIRING PRESI-  
DENT OF THE BRITISH TEXTILE CONFEDERATION, TOLD A  
FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTER THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE  
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U.S. INDUSTRY HAD NOW COME AROUND MORE TO THE EUROPEAN  
VIEW AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. HAD RECENTLY INDI-  
CATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM  
OTHER COUNTRIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MFA.

2. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ASSIGN  
A GREAT DEAL OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE ARTICLES --

PERHAPS THEY ARE JUST WISHFUL THINKING -- BUT WE FLAG  
THEM FOR WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION BECAUSE THEY ARE A NEW  
ELEMENT IN THE CONTINUING PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON MFA RE-  
NEWAL.

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